

Divided Berlin Has Different May Day Demonstrations

Berlin - (UPI) - Divided Berlin held rival May Day demonstrations today.

Goose-stepping Communist troops paraded in East Berlin at a rally held to demand the Western allies leave the city.

A mile away in West Berlin hundreds of thousands of West Berliners gathered at the Platz Der Republic to show their determination to remain free. They heard an American pledge to stand by them.

Communist Defense Minister Peng Teh-huai and East German Communist leader Walter Ulbricht. Mobile anti-tank guns, amphibious vehicles, armed cars and mobile anti-aircraft guns were in the parade.

A Communist announcer said the anti-tank guns "will protect our air space against encroachments." The United States and Russia are now embroiled in a dispute over high-level U.S. flights to Berlin.

Said Flagrant Violation

Western officials denounced the parade as a flagrant violation of four-power laws banning such military demonstrations in Berlin.

Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers Union, told the people of West Berlin the American people stand firmly with them in defense of "our common freedom."

Reuther, in a German language speech, said Berlin was the testing ground for freedom of all peoples being challenged by Soviet tyranny.

Contrast Shown

The two rallies showed the contrast between East and West Berlin. One was a peaceful demonstration by people who attended voluntarily. The Communist rally was a military display which East Germans were forced to attend.

The appearance of the well-disciplined Communist soldiers was seen as a sign of the danger West Berlin would face if the Soviet plan is adopted to make West Berlin a so-called demilitarized "free city."

Such a move would place West Berlin at the mercy of these 110,000 troops, and the 300,000 Soviet troops in surrounding territory, Western officials said.

Guns in Parade

Communist infantry, airmen and sailors marched for 30 minutes past a reviewing stand holding Chinese

Egg Producers Caught in Worst Plight Since 1937

Washington - (UPI) - American consumers are enjoying cheap eggs. But egg producers are caught in their worst depression since the 1930s.

Some poultrymen are so desperate they have come to Washington to demand government action to boost egg prices and save them from bankruptcy.

Lowest Since 1937

A price report issued at the Agriculture Department Thursday gave these statistics: Farmers in mid-April averaged 28.1 cents a dozen for eggs. That's a drop of 10.4 cents, or 27 per cent, from a year ago. Measured against feed costs, egg prices were the lowest on record for April except in 1937.

What this means in human problems was related by poultry farmers to a House Agriculture subcommittee Thursday at the start of a two-day inquiry into depressed broiler and egg prices. Almost 200 poultry farmers, mostly from New Jersey, showed up to testify and listen.

The farmers' proposals included (1) expanded government buying of eggs; (2) government purchase and slaughter of hens to reduce production; and (3) government production controls with a guaranteed fair price.

Little Hope for Action

They got little hope for drastic government action from Hermon I. Miller, Agriculture Department poultry chief. Some farmers groaned at his testimony and applauded needing questions asked by Democrats.

Miller said outlets for government purchases of eggs were limited. The government already has bought 36 million dozen in dried form since October and is still buying.

Government purchase and slaughter of 15 million hens wouldn't even cut production to last year's level, he said, and what would the government do with the poultry meat?

DISDAINS ROCKING CHAIR

Montreal - (UPI) - D. A. (Bud) Raymond, 66, retired after 47 years with a telegraph company and said he can hardly wait to get back to the hobby he abandoned several years ago because he was too busy. It's mountain climbing.



IN PARIS—Secretary of State Christian Herter waves on his arrival in Paris to confer with President de Gaulle in advance of the meeting with Russia at Geneva. Herter said he is confident that the Western powers will go to the May 11 Geneva conference with unity and firmness of purpose. At right is U.S. Ambassador to France Amory Houghton.

Pensions Major Block in Talks On Rubber Strike

Akron, Ohio - (UPI) - Pessimism was the prevailing note today as negotiations continued in efforts to solve contract disputes which idle 59,000 employees of the B. F. Goodrich, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. and the U. S. Rubber Co.

L. S. Buckmaster, president of the United Rubber Workers Union, said that pensions are the common major block in the talks with Firestone in Cleveland, Goodrich in Canton, Ohio, and U. S. Rubber Co. in New York.

Pensions, insurance, working conditions and supplemental unemployment benefits are involved in the discussions. Wages are a separate issue to be discussed late this summer.

"A long as they (the companies) act like they have been acting, I can't see any settlement," said Buckmaster. "All three have indicated they will settle on basically the same contract we signed with Goodyear. That is not acceptable to us."

Buckmaster explained that the URW was rejecting settlement on the Goodyear pattern because of variations in conditions involved with other companies.

Company spokesmen reported that inventories of tires and rubber goods were still holding up well.

Guilty Man's Kin Found in Contempt

Portland - (UPI) - An ex-Marine was found in contempt of court Thursday for threatening witnesses after a Federal Court jury last month returned a guilty bank robbery verdict against his brother-in-law.

Federal Judge Gus Solomon set June 15 for sentencing John Goss Jr., and continued him on \$100 bail.

Deep Hole in Yard Puzzles Couple

Alhambra, Calif. - (UPI) - Mrs. William Meyers found what she thought was a small hole in the backyard of the home Thursday where she and her husband and daughter Denise have lived for five years.

She poked a stick into the hole and the stick fell away. She dropped stones into the hole, but it didn't seem as though they ever hit bottom. A police crew finally dropped a fishing line with a sinker attached down the hole. It finally hit bottom at 109 feet.

Mrs. Meyers and her husband say they don't have the slightest idea of what the hole was once used for but they intend to lock up the yard until they fill the hole up.

SPORTSMAN DIES

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U.S. To Attempt To Retrieve Mice Sent Into Orbit

Vandenberg AFB, Calif. - (UPI) - A colony of black mice, specially bred to withstand the rigors of space travel, will arrive here within two weeks for the first U.S. effort to place animals into orbit in an earth satellite and recover them alive.

United Press International learned that four of the sturdy mice will be inside the Discoverer III satellite when it is blasted into orbit sometime after the middle of the month from this West Coast missile base about 170 miles north of Los Angeles.

To Snag Capsule

The Air Force will attempt to recover the animals alive when they are ejected from the satellite in a space capsule similar to the one ejected last month by Discoverer II. That capsule was never found.

Attempts will be made to snag the mice-containing capsule in midair over the Pacific Ocean somewhere near Hawaii by airplanes equipped with large net-like fixtures trailing behind them.

The mice will ride back to earth in a 35-pound capsule about two by three feet in dimension dangling from a parachute, and are expected to provide important information on hazards man will face when he invades space.

Bred as Special Strain

The mice—a dozen or more—will be flown here from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., where they were bred as a special strain.

They have been conditioned to withstand the tremendous forces exerted by gravity during the high-speed launching of a rocket and to quickly adjust to new situations.

The U.S. previously blasted into space four animals—three mice and a monkey. All perished.

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Roads Department Finishes Grading

County roads department crews have completed grading Evans creek rd. near the junction of Meadows rd., according to Paul Rynning, county engineer. He reported that grading was also completed on the West Evans creek rd. section near Maze creek.

Some equipment has been moved to Hiatt rd. in the Howard-Prairie section, Rynning said, but wet weather has stopped any work in that area.

A small bridge on Reese Creek rd. over Hog creek in the Eagle Point area had been completed and work is under way on a 63-foot wooden span bridge over Yale creek off Little Applegate, the engineer explained.

Postman's Good Deed Turns Into Trouble

Denver - (UPI) - Warren A. Adams, a postman, tried to do a good turn Thursday.

He picked up a baseball that got away from two high school boys playing catch. He threw it. The boys ducked. The ball smashed a plate glass window in George W. Rucker's drug store.